

November 6, 2006
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Eric Williams-Interim County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham-County Attorney

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham had the invocation. The Board had the pledge.

Public Comments

Jim Long, High Point, stated that he and his brother, Larry Long, were approached regarding the land across the street from Hoots Hospital for a possible site location for the proposed Dialysis Center. He has since found out that the center will be built on adjacent hospital property. He questioned why they were not contacted about the purchase because they were asked to take their land off the market until a decision could be made. He feels that he and his brother were treated unfairly.

Attorney Graham stated that Dialysis Representatives approached the Commissioners regarding land at the hospital. He suggested that Mr. Long speak to the Dialysis Representatives; he is not aware of the conversations with the Longs and the Dialysis Representatives.

Mr. Williams stated the Representatives expressed the need to be as close to the hospital as possible. The County deeded to the Town of Yadkinville 2.4 acres to erect a water tank, but the tank has been erected on Billy Reynolds Road, so the land at the hospital is available. The County sent a letter to the

Town requesting the property be returned. The request was received favorably, but we are waiting on a confirmed response.

Minutes

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the minutes, including the Closed Session minutes. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Health Department- personnel, budget amendment, fee schedule

Mike Reavis, Health Director, recognized the following employees as Public Health All-Stars:

- Martha Powell
- Mary Wooten Joyner
- Cathy Pegram
- Becky Reavis
- April Pardue
- Joan Wagoner
- Eva Avalos
- Michelle Spann

Mr. Reavis stated that Dr. Meis also received recognition from Galxo Smith Kline for his outstanding contributions to Child Health.

Mr. Williams stated this is another example of the outstanding County employees.

Chairman Wooten thanked them for their hardwork.

Commissioner Sneed commended the Staff on the recent flu clinic.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Amended Budget
REVENUE				
Family Planning				
DHHS	104516444203	30,745	22,354	53,099
EXPENDITURE				
Family Planning				

Supplies	105516452010	7,500	7,354	14,854
Contract Services	105516451700	-0-	15,000	15,000

*Received additional state monies for Family Planning Program.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
REVENUE				
DHHS-CD/BT	104512044171	58,132	6,280	64,412
EXPENSES				
Contract Services	105512051700	-0-	5,280	5,280
Capital Outlay	105512056010	-0-	1,000	1,000

*Received additional State monies for Preparedness program.

RECOMMENDATION: Approved by Board of Health on October 17, 2006. Board of Health recommends approval by Board of Commissioners.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the budget amendments. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Mr. Reavis presented a new fee schedule for Environmental Health representing a 20% increase.

Mr. Reavis reviewed the process regarding septic tanks.

The Board discussed the proposed fees.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the new fee schedule. Commissioner Swaim seconded.**

The Board discussed new well procedures implemented by the State.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to table. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. Motion was out of order.**

Mr. Williams inquired about the date of implementation.

Mr. Reavis stated he would like to implement them by the end of the week.

Commissioner Phillips stated the County is losing money with the inspections. She stated that those who are using the services should be the ones to pay.

Commissioner Sneed commented that he wants the citizens to get what they paying for.

The Board voted 3-2. Commissioners Casstevens and Sneed opposed.

Mr. Reavis presented facility needs for the Health Department adding that he would like have a 14,000 square building.

Economic Development

Bobby Todd gave an update on economic development. He commented on the turn out for the Grape Festival; approximately 4,000 people attended.

Mr. Todd stated there have been two new prospects looking at the Vaughn Basset building in Boonville. There are also some possible expansions which are in preliminary stages.

Mr. Williams discussed the North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia Tourism organization. Counties participating in this region are Surry, Stokes, Wilkes and Alleghany and each has contributed \$7,500 to help develop a website and a market plan regarding tourism.

Commissioner Sneed stated these funds are in the budget.

Mr. Todd stated the Chamber website is very informative. He questioned whether or not we wanted to change from Yadkin Valley because we are already gaining a lot of recognition.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the \$7,500 if not already budgeted. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Veteran Services- funds

The Board asked that Mr. Knight attend the meeting.

Social Services- proposal

Mr. Wooten, DSS Director, presented a proposal from Northwoods to implement an automated program.

Mr. Williams presented pictures taken in DSS showing the crowded file rooms and the lack of space.

The Board discussed the program.

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the proposal from Northwoods. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Line Item	Account	Budgeted	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended
Capital Outlay – Data Processing	105300 56010	\$2,500	\$275,748	\$278,248
County Portion- Medicaid	1055400 57970	\$2,409,995	(\$275,748)	\$2,134,247

Commissioner Swaim asked for an update on the Prescription Program.

Mr. Wooten stated the application is in process.

Chairman Wooten called for a break.

Veteran Services

Mr. Knight reviewed the form for reimbursement.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the reimbursement. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Sheriff- budget amendment and surplus property

Sheriff Cain submitted a request to donate a vehicle to the Yadkin County Rescue Squad. The vehicle is a 1997 Crown Victoria with 113,800 miles.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to authorize the Sheriff to donate a car to the Yadkin County Rescue Squad. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Governor's Crime Commission Grant	1044310-44142	0	6,037.00	6,037.00
Transfer from Law Enforcement Fund	1044212-42414	0	2,012.00	2,012.00
Sheriff – Equipment	1054310-56010	5,000.00	8,049.00	13,049.00

To record grant # 099-1-06-001-BH-527. This is a grant to the Sheriff's Dept. from the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) for 2006. It will be used to purchase equipment.

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Transfer to General Fund	7454716-57070	0	2,012.00	2,012.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	7444716-49000	0	2,012.00	2,012.00

To record the funds transferred to the General Fund to purchase equipment.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Animal Control

Commissioner Casstevens reviewed his take on the donation from Virginia Daniels.

It was the consensus of the Board to put the following wording on the County's website under Animal Control:

Due to a very generous donation from Virginia Daniels, a Guidance Counselor at Forbush High School for many years, the Virginia Daniels Spay/Neuter Fund offers low-income residents of Yadkin County an assistance voucher to pay for spay/neuter fees and a Rabies vaccination if it is needed, at participating clinics/veterinarian's offices. The Yadkin County Humane Society awards money from the fund annually. Applicants receive assistance based on need, and must have an income not to exceed 150% above the Federal Poverty Guidelines. A maximum of three animals will be assisted per family from this fund. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

If you would like an application for this assistance, please click [here](#) to print and mail it to Yadkin County Humane Society for qualification. (Link to two-page application form) If you have further questions about this program, please contact Yadkin County Humane Society at 336-463-4990 (Mailbox #8)

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Phillips encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow. She wished all the candidates well.

Commissioner Phillips reviewed a forum she attended for the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Matthew Dolge, COG Director, reviewed the strengths and weaknesses for Yadkin County and the heavy workforce from Yadkin County who commute to Winston-Salem.

Commissioner Phillips stated she would be attending the NCACC Legislative Workshop.

Commissioner Phillips discussed the issues regarding Flint Hills Vineyard.

Commissioner Phillips commended Mr. Williams on his job performance. She has spoken with Robert Hester about hiring a permanent manager. She suggested advertising on the NCACC website, interviewing between 2-5 candidates. She presented possible text to use for the advertisement of a new manager.

Tax Administration-proposal

Phyllis Adams, Tax Administrator, presented a proposal from Tax Management regarding auditing businesses' personal property. She reviewed what the audit would cover. She stated that Tax Management would be paid 35% of their discoveries.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the proposal from Tax Management. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Housing- proposal

Mr. Williams discussed the 2007 Single Family Rehabilitation Program. The County is in the position to receive \$333,020 which would help rehab 7-10 homes for the elderly, disabled and/or low income. Mr. Williams requested the Board engage Hobbs Upchurch to administer the program.

Michael Walser, Hobbs Upchurch Representative, stated this is an opportunity to bring funds to the County. The County can apply for the funds again in 2010. The funds for administration cannot be drawn down until the house is completed.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the contract with Hobbs Upchurch to administer the 2007 Single Family Rehabilitation Funds. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Swaim commended all the candidates.

Commissioner Swaim inquired if some of the fees associated with Environmental Health could be grouped in some type of package deal.

Commissioner Swaim stated he appreciated Commissioner Phillips text for hiring a new manager. He suggested bringing the information back before the new Board.

Commissioner Sneed asked for a closed session.

Commissioner Sneed stated a previous Grand Jury Report mentioned the asbestos problem in the courthouse (tax office area). He suggested getting estimates and using some of the money previously allocated for repairs, but not the \$50,000 for the bullpens.

Closed Session

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to go in closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)(3). Commissioner Sneed. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Chairman Wooten made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Casstevens questioned the maintenance at the Courthouse as referenced in the Grand Jury Report.

Commissioner Casstevens stated this Board lost a Manager and this Board should be the one to hire a new one. ***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to relieve Mr. Williams of his interim duties and hire him as the permanent manager. Commissioner Sneed seconded but asked Commissioner Casstevens to amend his motion to take action on this at the November 20th meeting.**

Chairman Wooten stated the motion should include the terms of the contract.

Commissioner Casstevens stated the Board should allow Mr. Williams time to respond.

Commissioner Casstevens withdrew his motion. Commissioner Sneed withdrew his second.

Chairman Wooten asked that the position of the Manager be placed on the next agenda.

Chairman Wooten asked about the easements for Hwy 21.

Mr. Williams stated he would check with Randy Darden about the timeline.

Chairman Wooten asked about the roof issue for the Ag Building.

Mr. Williams stated he had no update.

Chairman Wooten asked about the bullpens.

Major Widener stated the work is scheduled to start today.

Chairman Wooten inquired about Solid Waste.

Mr. Williams stated he is working on reports. There is a new vendor who will take the metal.

Chairman Wooten discussed the jail issues. He would like to schedule a workshop to look at facility needs and the emergency needs at the jail. He stated that he has attended two jail meetings and there has been nothing accomplished. The Judge has shared information with the Board concerning actions that need to be taken regarding the jail. He asked the Board if they wanted to do their job or have someone else telling them what to do.

***Chairman Wooten made the motion to set a workshop to do a jail plan to present to Judge Craig. Motion died; lack of second.**

Commissioner Phillips stated the Jail Committee has taken positive action. She stated that at the last meeting a motion was made and passed to proceed with a new jail. Commissioner Phillips commented that Judge Craig is aware of the motion made by the Jail Committee to build a new jail. Judge Craig wants the Board of Commissioners to commit to the motion and build a new jail.

Mr. Williams stated a public forum is set for Monday, November 20th and Steve Allen, Solutions for Local Government, will be here to address any questions. Judge Craig has set a date for the hearing on December 7th. Mr. Williams suggested the Board take affirmative action at the November 20th meeting

Chairman Wooten stated the Board has the opportunity to work on these issues between now and the November 20th meeting. He stated we could meet and resolve the judicial requirements for less than \$3 million.

The Board discussed other issues regarding the jail.

Mr. Williams discussed the Board hiring a Bond Counsel; suggested Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson.

Attorney Graham suggested Bob Jessup & Jim Holshouser Firm in Raleigh.

There was discussion regarding both firms.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to contract with Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson for Bond Counsel. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to recess for lunch. Motion died lack of second.**

Chairman Wooten again suggested the workshop; not action taken.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 2-3. Commissioners Sneed, Casstevens and Wooten opposed.**

***Chairman Wooten made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 3-0. Commissioner Swaim and Casstevens had already left the meeting.**

Melinda Vestal, CMC
Clerk to the Board.